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brought under the system. For the principles applicable to the rationing of country liquor shops will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the rationing of toddy shops.

R. K. SHANMUKHAM.

III

ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The hon. the PRESIDENT announced that the Madras State Aid to Industries Act, 1922, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 1st March 1923.

IV

AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS.

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Mr. President, Sir, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee appointed, at the meetings of the Council held on the 30th January and 26th February 1923, to consider certain amendments proposed to the Standing Orders. I beg, with your leave, to move that the consideration of the clauses as amended be taken up.”

The hon. Mr. A. R. KNAPP seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Mr. President, Sir, the first of the amendments which has to be considered is :

After existing Standing Order 79, insert the following as 'Standing Order 79-A :

‘ The President may, by order in writing, delegate to the Deputy President all or any of his powers under the Standing Orders ’.

Sir, as will be apparent from the report of the Committee, the Committee considered that, on the whole, it would be advisable to follow the example of the Legislative Assembly in this respect ; and in response to a fairly widely expressed request that such delegation should be provided for, it has been recommended that the delegation should take place. I move, Sir, that the above amendment be adopted.”

The hon. Mr. A. R. KNAPP seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Mr. President, Sir, the next series of amendments relate to Standing Order 5 (2). It will be within the memory of hon. Members of this House that a number of complaints have been preferred as to the question of the relative precedence of Bills and Resolutions, and in order to set at rest all doubts on that matter, it has been suggested that there should be no mingling up of Bills and Resolutions, but that they should be balloted for separately. That is the object of the first of the series of amendments. I submit, Mr. President, that it will be convenient to put these amendments separately, and, with your leave, I move the first sub-clause, namely :

‘ The relative precedence of notices of Bills and of Resolutions given by non-official members shall be determined by ballot ’.

The hon. Mr. A. R. KNAPP seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

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The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Mr. President, the next amendment relates to the determination of the precedence of motions in regard to ballot, and it is as follows :—

' The precedence of motions as determined by each ballot, whether in respect of Bills or of Resolutions, shall hold good for 30 days after the ballot is held, exclusive of the day on which it is held ;

' Provided that any motion which is under the consideration of the Council at the time of an adjournment shall be taken up as the first item of non-official business on the next day to which such business stands adjourned '.

" Sir, this is the first of the series of provisions designed to give effect to the object that the members had in view in appointing this Committee. Sir, I beg to move the amendment."

The hon. Mr. A. R. KNAPP seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Mr. President, I next move :

Members shall be at liberty to claim priority by means of ballot for any motions previously ballotted for by them but not yet actually moved in the Council."

The hon. Mr. A. R. KNAPP seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Mr. President, I beg next to move :

Not less than fifteen motions according to the order of priority determined by ballot shall be set down for any day appointed for non-official business ; but all motions ballotted for under the head of Bills shall be taken up for discussion before those under the head of Resolutions are taken up.

The sub-clause is self-explanatory "

The hon. Mr. A. R. KNAPP seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

V

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. THE PRESIDENT REGARDING TIME-LIMITS OF SPEECHES ON BUDGET MOTIONS.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Before taking up the motions on the Budget I have to inform the House that the Local Government have, under section 72-D (3) of the Government of India Act, indicated in italics in the budget estimates for 1923-24 those items of expenditure in regard to which they are not submitting proposals to the House.

" From the announcement which I made in this House on the 1st instant hon. Members are aware that the voting of budget grants will be closed on Wednesday the 21st instant. I have now to inform them that it has recently been decided by His Excellency the Governor that the voting of supplementary grants shall take place on 27th instant instead of on the 23rd, as previously announced ; and the 23rd March will be devoted wholly to the consideration of the Hindu Religious Endowments Bill.

" Under sub-rule (2) of rule 29 His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to fix one day as the maximum for the discussion of the motions on